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Thomas Announces \$70,000 for San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department

The San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department will receive \$70,000 for equipment that will significantly improve its ability to collect and preserve evidence when a bill approved by the House of Representatives today is signed into law.

The funding was included in the conference report, or final version, of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005 at the request of Congressman Bill Thomas.

"The ability to collect and preserve evidence is imperative in order for justice to be efficiently and effectively administered," said Thomas. "These funds will provide the Sheriff's Department with the opportunity to purchase equipment and make important technological upgrades that will enhance its ability to investigate and solve crimes."

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, which was approved by the House by a vote of 344-51 today, now heads to the Senate for consideration. After Senate approval, it will head to President Bush for his signature.

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For additional information you may contact Sheriff Pat Hedges at (805) 781-4553.